

EIGHTEEN YEARS OF SCHOOL BOARD WORK IS THE SMITH RECORD

No Man in Oregon Can Serve the Cause of Education Better Than Can He.

HAS FINANCE JUDGMENT

In Addition to Experience With Common Schools Pendleton Man Has Knowledge of Higher Problems.

Dr. J. S. Landers, Superintendent Pendleton Public Schools.

The development of every institution is associated with it one or more individuals whose activity has contributed largely to its growth. The name of Dr. C. J. Smith is an intimately associated with the history of Pendleton public schools as his service is interwoven with their progress. For more than 18 years, Dr. Smith was a member of the board of directors of school district No. 16, Umatilla county, the Pendleton district. This period marks the greatest growth of the schools both extensively and intensively; that is, in the number of buildings, the pupils in attendance, teachers employed, and in the strength and value of the course of study in operation. When Dr. Smith became a member of the board the district owned poor school buildings, barely suitable for school purposes, certainly not convenient for use or attractive in appearance. When he resigned from the school board to take up his residence in Portland, Pendleton was the possessor of three fine brick, eight room grade buildings thoroughly equipped, lighted and heated on the most approved plans, and modern in every detail, and a high school, the pride of the city of Pendleton, unexcelled in architectural plan and finish and completeness of appointment and equipment.

Merely to say that Dr. Smith was a member of the school board during the planning and construction of these buildings, does not give an idea of the service he rendered the district nor does it state the entire facts in the case. During all the long period of securing these splendid school buildings, planning a suitable course of study, and providing capable teachers, Dr. Smith was more than board member. He was a leader in the life of the community. While his fellow members of the school board were good and capable men, and all worked assiduously to the same end, it is to Dr. Smith more than to any other man that the splendid school system of Pendleton with its convenient and attractive material setting is due. In showing the needs of the school interests to the people of the district, in creating sentiment favorable for satisfaction of these needs through procuring of funds for the construction of buildings, purchase of apparatus, and salary of teachers, in the selecting of architect, choosing of best plans, and in awarding of contracts, in seeing that work was properly done according to specifications, in arranging a course of study to discriminate between what should be admitted and what excluded, in fact, in all the countless details of building up a school system, Dr. Smith's sound judgment, keen insight, fine sense of discrimination and intense activity, have been a factor without which the results attained could never have been realized. The strengthening of the science department by the purchase of the equipment from the normal school at Weston, the introduction of an agricultural course, the addition of music, art, domestic science, and manual training, in fact, the hastening of the construction of the new high school to its present state of completeness are some of the elements in the improvement of the Pendleton schools resulting directly from the influence of Dr. Smith. As an illustration of the progressive spirit exercised by Dr. Smith in the provision for the health, comfort, and well being of school children, it may be mentioned that the first sanitary drinking fountains to be used in the schools of the state were to be found in Pendleton.

In his labor for the school, Dr. Smith made himself familiar with all the details of school administration. He was always the friend and sympathetic adviser of every teacher who went to him for assistance. No parent ever went to him aggrieved or seeking desired changes without receiving a most considerate hearing, and if his cases were meritorious and possible of adjustment, without full satisfaction. In the use of public funds, his judgment was always sound and never questioned. Probably he most convincing manner in which the people of the school district showed their full and unshaken confidence in Dr. Smith's leadership was in the manner of expenditure of school funds. No school money was ever wasted or misapplied through Dr. Smith's management. He was always careful in spending the people's money, to know that the expenditure was necessary and that value received was obtained from it. Though no money was expended uselessly, the fact that no schools in the state are better provided for than those of Pendleton is evidence that funds were never withheld when there was need for their use. The people thoroughly endorsed Dr. Smith's financial policy.

It is nothing less than marvelous and has been a source of wonder to

"WE FARMERS REGARD HIM AS ONE OF US," SAYS UNION WORKER

Dr. Smith Considered Valuable Friend and Advisor by Numerous Acquaintances.

PRAISE LAW ENFORCEMENT

If Elected Governor Will Carry Out Pledges in Absolute Good Faith.

By C. C. Conner, Member Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union. Helix, Or., Oct. 20.—Referring to the candidacy of Dr. C. J. Smith for governor, I consider him the only hope for the farmer. Having spent almost his entire life in this district and at all times having been identified with its many and varied interests, he is in a better position to appreciate its needs than any man who has ever aspired to the office. His honesty, integrity, business ability, foresight and judgment have successfully withstood the rigors of years of active citizenship as well as the mud slings of several political campaigns. Even his most bitter opponents concede that they have nothing to gain in an attack upon his personality or his past career. Although every one remembers him as Dr. Smith, he has had investments in farm property and his close association with rural organizations in this district has been such we farmers have long considered him one of us and find his willing help and cheerful advice invaluable not alone in political and financial matters but in the smaller details of rural life.

Personally I believe that the extension of the vote to single items in a bill is the greatest step in the direction of an economical administration that could be instituted. It seems to me to be about the only way to stop the old practice of slipping a single item (sinker as they are sometimes called) into an otherwise good bill or of compelling the legislature to pass an all around bad bill in order to get one good item through.

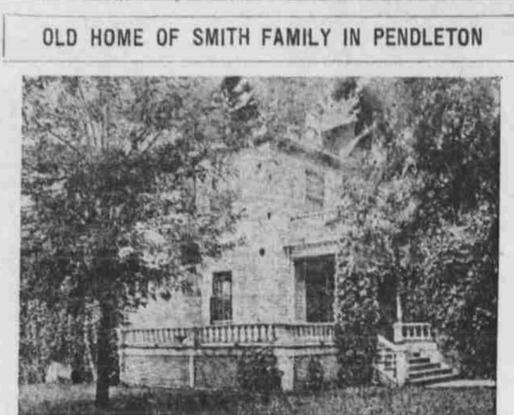
Absolute harmony between the governor and the legislators means absolutely that every senator and representative will get everything that they want just so long as the taxpayers will stand for it. What would become of the farm if the manager bought everything that his hired men suggested? The fact that he promises law enforcement should doubly endorse him in the hearts and minds of the farmer whose property is year after year taxed to its limit in maintaining an expensive court to prosecute crime and lawlessness.

But laying aside political platforms every voter should vote for Smith for governor, first, because he is a dyed in the wool Oregonian and his interests are here. He is a man of vast experience and diligent research and as a result of extensive travel is perhaps the best posted man on the science of government in this state. He is an advocate of better educational institutions, progress and advancement of any kind that tends to uplift mankind. He has a past record of efficiency and ability. He has an interesting, inviting personality and is a member of the rank and file of the common people and has time and again proven his willingness to work for their interests. He has promised us his best efforts in behalf of an economical and businesslike administration. His every effort in the past has been crowned by success. What reason have we to believe that he will fall now?

many people that Dr. Smith, amid the activities of an unusually busy life could give so much of his attention and service to the community. He was always ready to give his time and his much sought and highly valued advice and consideration to any plan whose purpose was the advancement of Pendleton's educational or general interests. Possessed of a tremendous energy, a keen insight, unerring judgment and generous willingness to serve, he gave lavishly to the welfare of his home community.

In addition to Dr. Smith's experience in public school affairs, he was also a trustee of Pendleton academy for a number of years, where he gave the same energy and helpful service to the details of financial management, preparing course of study, etc. In a like way he always gave encouragement and assistance to the Pendleton Business college and to St. Joseph's academy, as well as to private kindergartens designed to train children for the elementary school.

In the state senate he was a leader in school legislation. He had broad experience in determining and adjusting matters of taxation necessary to provide county school funds, and other measures vital to the schools. As an influential member of the Board of Higher Curricula, he made a close study of the conditions prevailing in the state university and agricultural college, thus preparing him to work intelligently for their real needs. There is no warmer friend or consistent supporter of education in the state than Dr. C. J. Smith. Because of his broad and varied training in the diversified affairs of public schools of all grades, of his knowledge of private school interests and the higher institutions of learning in the state, no man in Oregon is more capable of rendering effective service to education in an official capacity than Dr. C. J. Smith.



OLD HOME OF SMITH FAMILY IN PENDLETON

WHEN SMITH BECAME MAYOR OF PENDLETON GAMBLING STOPPED

News Story From 1898 Shows Why Open Town Forces Now Oppose His Candidacy

(From The Daily East Oregonian Jan. 12, 1898; Twelve Days After C. J. Smith Became Mayor.)

NO MORE GAMBLING. Games in Pendleton Saloons Are All Closed Down.

After a short session as a wide open town Pendleton has settled down to quietude and morality at night time. The tiger and her cubs are no longer found in the back rooms of saloons, awaiting combat with all comers and particularly the jay who is anxious to separate from his lair as soon as possible. To be sure the nickel in the slot machines still remain but these afford a very mild sort of sport compared with fero, craps, chuck-a-luck and stud poker. Pendleton has been about deserted by transient gamblers and thimbors, for their occupation is gone. A policeman said last night that only a few are left of the many who have been preying upon luckless lambs in this locality. All the games were notified to close down by Marshal Heathman and promptly obeyed the order. This was done more cheerfully perhaps through wholesome fear that the coming grand jury might institute a sweeping reform movement with a larger broom than the bit or mink article of its predecessor. Back rooms are deserted and outfits stored away. The gentlemen of daytime leisure and nighttime industry have departed to the east, west, north and south in search of greener pastures. All is well at Pendleton.

"BILL" MATLOCK WAS FIRM SUPPORTER OF DR. SMITH ALWAYS

Though Differing in Views on Certain Points Late Mayor Ever Loyal.

One of the dramatic incidents of the primary campaign in Pendleton was the stand taken by the then mayor of the city, W. F. Matlock, who has since passed away. During the fight that was made to discredit Dr. Smith, an alleged interview from the mayor was published in the Portland Oregonian, criticizing Dr. Smith and his actions when he was mayor of Pendleton.

The interview was instantly branded by Mayor Matlock as a pure fake and he gave the following statement to the East Oregonian and the Portland Journal to offset the canard: "I am supporting Dr. Smith for governor and will continue to do so. I am a friend of Dr. Smith's and always expect to be, but my friendship is not based on any notion that Dr. Smith has been an open town man. He was my physician and would be now if he were here. He has always been accredited as opposed to the whiskey element and his personal views are that way. He never goes into a saloon.

"I left Pendleton for Alaska on January 11, 1898, just a few days after Dr. Smith became mayor. I was not here to live at all during his term as mayor and so cannot say personally as to what the conditions were. It is a fact, of course, that conditions in those days were not as clean anywhere as they are now. But that does not mean that Dr. Smith was an open town man or favored wide open gambling. He was always the other way. I am not fighting Dr. Smith but am supporting him and any statement to the contrary is wrong."

Mr. Matlock continued his support of Dr. Smith until the end. This regardless of the fact the late mayor and Dr. Smith held different views on the subject of saloon regulation. It was typical of Mr. Matlock to stand by his friends through thick and thin regardless of whether or not he believed as they did on all subjects. Another instance of the same nature occurred when he supported with all his power a Prohibitionist who was a candidate for postmaster of Pendleton. Pendleton which is decisively a "wet" town has a "dry" postmaster, largely because of the influence of "Bill" Matlock.

WHEN SOUND POLICY REQUIRES EXPENSE DR. SMITH FAVORS

Was Aligned With Gravity Water Forces in Bitter Local Struggle in Pendleton.

Though a man of conservative ideas when the expenditure of public money is proposed, Dr. Smith is not a man to balk at expenditures when sound policy requires them. This was well illustrated by his support of Pendleton's efforts to secure a mountain water supply. Such a system has just been secured by the city of Pendleton after a five years' struggle. The move for a gravity system was bitterly opposed by a coterie of citizens, the chief opposition coming from the camp of the electric company that had the contract for pumping water under the old system. The fight for the new system was a long drawn affair, and the most bitter and contested issue in the history of Pendleton. Dr. Smith supported the improvement, and participated with the state board of health in recommending the new supply. Evidence that the work was justified was furnished in the fact that summer sickness, particularly among children, has been greatly lessened by the new supply, and by the statement of the Eastern Oregon State Hospital, which institution obtains water from Pendleton, that the welfare of the unfortunate people under their care has been materially served through the securing of good water for their uses.

SUPPORTS SMITH BECAUSE OF FAITH IN HIS FITNESS

Farmer and Merchant Who Served on School Board With Smith Praises Him.

By E. L. Smith, Farmer and Implement Dealer.

"I have been a friend of Dr. C. J. Smith for many years, and I belong to the same political party that he does, but it is neither friendship nor partisanship that causes me to be an earnest advocate of his candidacy for governor. It is the thorough conviction I have formed from long association with him that there is no man in the state so admirably fitted to administer the laws of Oregon.

"I have known the doctor intimately ever since the time he came to this section of the state as a young physician to practice medicine, and I never knew him to do a single act that did not square with the standards of simple honesty. That is saying a good deal for a man who has served the people almost continuously in one capacity or another for over 30 years, and who has been identified with every notable community movement for a quarter of a century.

"I recall very well the time when Dr. Smith was elected mayor of Pendleton; and, in view of the many misrepresentations made regarding his administration by his political opponents, I want to say that I consider that Dr. Smith accomplished more toward making Pendleton a better town morally than any other man of the community could. The Pendleton of that time was not the Pendleton of today, and the transformation from the wide open town to a respectable, law-abiding city was not done overnight. Such changes are slow, but I consider that Dr. Smith did a great deal toward bringing about that change.

"I served upon the school board of Pendleton for many years with him, and he not only proved himself a friend of education, but he demonstrated a thousand times his capacity as a business man, and a hard working one, at that. I believe, yes, I know that right now he has more capacity to do good for the state of Oregon than any one man, and I urge every voter, regardless of political faith, creed, sex, or color, if he or she has the best interests of Oregon at heart, to cast a ballot for Dr. C. J. Smith, the Democratic candidate, at the November election."

ASSEMBLYISM MEANS DISFRANCHISEMENT OF ORDINARY VOTER

How "Delegates" Were Selected From Umatilla County Four Years Ago Told.

SMITH OPPOSED SCHEME

By Declaring for Assemblyism Dr. Withycombe Offended Independent Minded Citizens in All Parties.

When Dr. James Withycombe shortly after being nominated for governor came out with the declaration, made at a Portland meeting, that he still favored the assembly plan of making nominations in preference to the open primary he went a long way toward alienating progressive Republicans as well as Democrats in Umatilla county. His attitude is in striking contrast with the strong attitude of Dr. Smith, who was the Umatilla county anti-assembly leader four years ago.

Umatilla county had a taste of assembly four years ago when "delegates" were selected for the lamented state assembly held in Portland, at which Jay Bowerman was chosen to run for governor. It is needless to say the dose did not taste well, and here are some of the reasons why.

Under the assembly scheme as worked then the common voter and the politician who did his thinking for himself had as much show as the proverbial dog with tailow legs that chased the asbestos cat through the fires of the lower regions. The average citizen and the independent minded politician were simply not consulted at all, unless in one or two rare instances, for reasons of policy. The "delegates" were selected at a very select gathering held by a handful of bosses and bosslets at a private club in Pendleton. All of those chosen to attend the sacred gathering in Portland were either of the old guard variety or else they were men who were reckoned as being of the sort who could "be counted upon." They went to Portland and participated in the assembly with much vigor and enthusiasm. They were instrumental in aiding the successful aspirant for the assembly's endorsement for governor and came home with much glee. But their gladness changed to gloom when the returns from the fall election came in with Bowerman 1000 votes behind his ticket in Umatilla county and 6000 votes behind Oswald West through the state as a whole.

The assembly plan for making nominations is not appreciated because it simply disfranchises the ordinary citizen as far as making nominations is concerned and it is in the making of nominations that the most effective work for good government can be done. Under the assembly plan, which Dr. Withycombe still believes in and upholds, the common voter has no voice and nothing to do unless he is willing to get in and take orders and be a ward heeler for some one.

All Should Be Equal.

On the other hand under the direct primary one man's vote is as good as that of any one else. Farmer, laborer, politician, boss and banker go to the polls upon the same identical terms. A man can go into a voting booth on primary day and vote his convictions sure in the knowledge that his vote will carry just as much weight as that of any one else, but no more. There is no trading or conniving behind closed doors. No buying up of needed delegates nor any of the other countless joys of the old convention system. The direct primary system is the proper system for men and women who have heads that they use for thinking purposes; it is the ideal system for all who wish to count for something on election days and do not care to be mere blind workers for some political machine.

These facts are realized in Umatilla county as well as elsewhere, and Dr. Withycombe's insistence that the assembly method is the only proper way to make nominations will be a contributing factor to his defeat in the banner wheat county of the state November 3.

Smith Was Pioneer Suffrage Supporter

Appreciated the Fact That the Influence of Woman Is Needed in Affairs of Government.

Women who appreciate the privilege of being able to vote in this state should feel kindly to the candidacy of Dr. Smith for governor because of the fact he was always a champion of equal suffrage. He endorsed the suffrage cause many years ago when it was seemingly a hopeless struggle in Oregon. In every campaign where the question was submitted to the people Dr. Smith used not only his vote but his influence in behalf of "Votes for Women." Through his work as a physician and as a school man he became impressed with the fact that the mothers, wives and sisters of men were not only entitled to the right to vote but that the influence of woman is needed in politics inasmuch as almost every political contest and political issue has a more or less direct bearing on the home and home life. It was characteristic of Dr. Smith's breadth of mind that he was a warm advocate of equal suffrage.

UNION WORKERS GIVE FORMAL INDORSEMENT TO SMITH CANDIDACY

Resolutions by Pendleton Typographical Union Praise Character, Personal Views.

WITHYCOMBE IS DISLIKED

Chinese Labor Views and Antagonism to Direct Primary Law Chief Defects in Platform.

Showing that in the view of organized labor, as represented by Typographical Union 214, of Pendleton, Dr. Smith is regarded as the most desirable man in the race for governor in a resolution adopted by the union at a meeting held early in this month. Most of the members of the organization knew Dr. Smith personally when he was a resident of Pendleton. But their support of his candidacy for governor is not due to personal friendship so much as to their belief in his fairness and sympathy for the wage earner. Furthermore, there is resentment over the views of Dr. Withycombe with reference to the admission of Chinese labor to this country.

The Pendleton Typographical union is composed of the mechanical workers on the two daily papers, one Republican, both being union shops, and in their resolutions regarding the governorship the printers express the following sentiments:

"Whereas, the candidacy of Dr. C. J. Smith for governor of Oregon has features that appeal with force to workmen who know him and who know his views on political, economic and social questions. Among the admirable qualities of Dr. Smith may be named: a true democratic disposition that makes him ready at all times to give ear and attention to the poor man, as well as the rich; a spirit of fairness that causes him to look at the real merits of public questions and to decide issues justly; a broad intelligence that gives him faith in the common people and makes him the champion of such laws as the direct primary law; a high personal character that has always kept him aligned with the clean element which stands for honesty and decency in public affairs and for the enforcement of the law.

"Whereas, the candidacy of Dr. Smith should have special support from workingmen because his opponent in the race for governor is of the over-conservative type; has shown himself unfriendly to the direct primary law, and during this campaign has spoken in criticism of the policy of excluding Chinese labor from the United States.

"Therefore, be it resolved that the members of Pendleton Typographical Union 214 hereby endorse the candidacy of Dr. Smith for governor of Oregon, and urge his election by the people November 3.

"Be it further resolved that publicity be given to this action.

"D. C. BROWN, Vice-President.
"FRANK J. DEEBACH, Secretary."

DESPISES THOSE WHO TRY TO DEFRAUD BY ANY WAY OR MEANS

Sterling Character and Desire to Serve Others Chief Qualities of Dr. Smith.

By R. E. Ringo.

Having known Charles J. Smith for the past 13 years, two years of which I was associated with him in the practice of medicine, I cannot refrain from saying a few words in his behalf. I have always found Dr. Smith to be a man of sterling character and a tireless worker. He would never shirk his duty whether his patient was a deserving one or not. If he took the case he gave it the same attention he would though it was one of his most prominent families. He was not only sought after by those who were sick but by friend and stranger alike for advice on business deals and topics of interest to the people at large.

He is a good student, a deep thinker, and can see and plan far into the future, as compared to the average man. His advice was worthy of consideration.

In business deals for himself he is a success and has proven beyond a doubt that he is capable of handling any business that might be placed before him. While in public office he gave it the same attention as though it were his private business.

I always found the doctor trying to uplift the fallen and promote the moral interests of the community. If there is any one thing he despises it is the man who is trying to defraud a fellowman, or defame the character of another. As to his slogan "Enforce the law," I know of no man more fitted to do so or could do it more conscientiously than he. I believe in him when he says he will.

Recently compiled official figures place the gold production of Alaska to the close of last year at \$228,892,540.

DR. SMITH WAS FIRST MAYOR OF PENDLETON TO ENFORCE THE LAW

Despite Big Handicaps Good Reforms Were Brought About as Early Files Show.

WAS CRITICISED FREELY

In Those Days Closed Towns Were Not Popular in Eastern Oregon and Dr. Smith's Stand Was New Thing.

The first important executive position held by Dr. Smith was the position of mayor of Pendleton which he held during the year 1898 and which position he filled with much credit.

Two distinct and memorable features of Dr. Smith's term as mayor were his stand for more law enforcement and the prompt effective action he took in behalf of the city's welfare when an attempt was made by a private corporation to secure possession of the city's water system.

At the time Dr. Smith became mayor of Pendleton the place was known as a wide open town. It had been such from time immemorial. As expressed by one prominent citizen there was a time in the early days of Pendleton when it was considered an honor to be a gambler.

An Unusual Stand.

Consequently it was a novel thing and a courageous thing for a mayor to take a stand for law enforcement. It was something no previous mayor had attempted. In his efforts to better conditions, Dr. Smith was handicapped because the sentiment of the community was for an open town and because the mayor had no direct control over affairs. In those days the marshal and recorder were elected by the people. So the mayor had no control over them and yet they were the men upon whom he had to rely for the enforcement of the law.

But Dr. Smith's moral influence with the subordinate officials was such that he accomplished a decided step forward for Pendleton. He instructed that gambling be closed and that the law be enforced. A new story in the East Oregonian of January 12, 1898—12 days after Dr. Smith became mayor—shows that a general order for the closing down of gambling was made and that the order was obeyed. The story stated that the gamblers were leaving town on every train for the north, east, south and west. Pendleton did not become a model town in the modern sense and no such results could have been reasonably expected in those days because the standard of 1898 was very different from the standard of 1914. But gambling and other vices on the wide open and unlimited basis were not permitted during the Smith term as mayor. The mayor was often criticized for his views on the subject and he was frequently derided by those who did not believe in a closed town policy.

Pendleton Knows. In the primary campaign an attempt was made by opponents of Dr. Smith to belittle his efforts at reform when he was mayor. However, the men best informed as to conditions unite in declaring that the doctor stood firmly and all the time for law and order. J. M. Heathman who was marshal of Pendleton during Dr. Smith's term, and John Haffley, Jr., who was recorder, unite in declaring that Dr. Smith's influence was always for law enforcement. Mr. Heathman says that his instructions from the mayor were to close gambling and to keep it closed. Another reform that was first undertaken during the Smith term as mayor was the closing of the saloons on Sunday.

Felix Mitchell, now a resident of Portland but who was a member of the council at the time Dr. Smith was mayor, is emphatic in saying that Dr. Smith stood for law enforcement and closed up the town when mayor. It is certainly true that when he was mayor of Pendleton the now Democratic candidate for governor, took a very advanced stand for those days. It was natural for Dr. Smith to take such a stand because he has always been aligned personally and politically with the clean element. He is a man who does not patronize saloons himself and his private life has always been characterized by clean living.

The story of how Dr. Smith as mayor of Pendleton defended the city's water system against a corporation's encroachments is told elsewhere in this paper.

Clear Judgment Is Smith Quality

Charles H. Carter Praises Ability and Integrity Cannot Be Questioned — Is Most Capable Aspirant.

By Charles H. Carter, City Attorney of Pendleton.

It has been my pleasure to have known Dr. Smith for over 20 years. He is well liked and highly regarded by the people of Pendleton. He is a man of very clear judgment and is quick to act upon any matter when he feels he is right. He has been very successful in his private business affairs and his integrity cannot be questioned. Aside from my personal regard for Dr. Smith it is my opinion he is by far the most capable man in the race for governor.